

**311A.140 Emergency medical technicians -- Administrative regulations -- Renewal of certification and licensure -- Paramedics to be certified as emergency medical technicians.**

- (1) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations relating to emergency medical technicians. The administrative regulations may include the classification and certification of emergency medical technicians, instructors, instructor-trainers, and students and trainees; examinations; standards of training and experience; curricula standards; issuance or renewal of certificates; hearing of appeals; and other administrative regulations as may be necessary for the protection of public health and safety in the delivery of emergency medical services. No additional testing or examinations shall be required for recertification, except for proficiency testing of new skills or knowledge, or areas in which there is documented evidence of deterioration of skills.
- (2) Recertification programs shall be organized to include continuing education and in-service training approved by the board.
- (3) An applicant for initial certification as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, or advanced emergency medical technician, or licensure as a paramedic, shall be certified using the requirements and testing established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or other agent chosen by the board.
- (4) An applicant for certification renewal as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, or advanced emergency medical technician, or renewal of licensure as a paramedic, shall meet the educational requirements for renewal of the appropriate certification or licensure credential as required by administrative regulations promulgated by the board or the requirements established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or other agent chosen by the board in lieu of the standards established by the board.
- (5) Except as provided in KRS 311A.060, the board shall not require any additional course work, in-service training, testing, or examinations of a person who chooses the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or other agent chosen by the board for certification or recertification as an emergency medical technician.
- (6) Any person licensed by the board as a paramedic shall be certified as an emergency medical technician by the board. The certification shall be issued without fee, without additional training, in-service training, testing, or examination. The emergency medical technician certification shall be issued and expire at the same time that the paramedic license is issued or expires, and if a paramedic voluntarily gives up his or her license prior to the expiration of his or her paramedic license, his or her emergency medical technician certification shall be unaffected thereby. If a paramedic chooses not to be relicensed as a paramedic but chooses to retain his emergency medical technician certification, the paramedic shall, prior to the expiration of his paramedic license, complete the requirements for recertification as an emergency medical technician utilizing one (1) of the methods provided for in this section.
- (7) A paramedic whose license as a paramedic or certification as an emergency medical

technician is suspended, revoked, or denied by the board shall have the same action taken automatically with regard to his emergency medical technician certification or paramedic license.

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